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Chief, KB

5 February 1953

Chief of Base, Berlin

Operational/CALL

CARBONHYDRATE Progress Report

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**SYNOPSIS:** This memorandum describes the developments in the CARBONHYDRATE operation during the period following the referenced report. CARBONHYDRATE's activities on our behalf, the events leading up to his dismissal from the East Berlin police and our plans for his future employment by BOB are discussed. No requests for action are included in this report.

1. It was pointed out in reference that the CARBONHYDRATE operation would be redirected along the lines proposed in MEB 16073 (Field Project Outline) to include operational support functions, i.e., name checking through the East Berlin Einwohnermeldeamt (Residents Registry Office), as well as the continued submission of tactical information reports pertaining to police activities in East Berlin and official police measures directed against the status of West Berlin. Since the date of the last Progress Report, CARBONHYDRATE has submitted the following information reports: BOB 226, BOB 645, and BOB 618; in the same period, CARBONHYDRATE turned in various East Berlin publications which were forwarded as BOB 187, 262, 476, 657 and 658. With regard to the service functions performed for us by CARBONHYDRATE in line with the redirection of the project, [redacted] attempted to check certain names of interest to [redacted] he [redacted] [redacted] information submitted by [redacted] regarding the location of the Verwaltung Berlin (SSD headquarters for Berlin).

2. In mid-October 1952, CARBONHYDRATE learned from one of the other members of the Secretariat of the East Berlin police praesidium that his name was soon to be submitted to the SED Landesverband Berlin, the

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officials of which were to consider his reassignment to come to some other post. CARBOHYDRATE informed the undersigned at our meeting on 27 October 1952 that such a step by the police authorities meant the termination of his employment by the police. He added that, in his opinion, the reason for this development is the personal dislike of CARBOHYDRATE harbored by GROENING, chief of the Secretariat, who is, at the same time, envious of CARBOHYDRATE's formal legal training. During the ensuing discussion regarding the possible positions which might be made available to CARBOHYDRATE, the latter first stated that he was desirous of continuing his work for us, but that he very much doubted any job he might get after reassignment would be of sufficient interest to warrant his retention on agent status. He felt that inasmuch as his case would go to the SED Landesverband Berlin and not to SED Central Committee - his rank did not warrant the latter body's examination of his qualifications - any position which might be offered him would be under control of the East Berlin Magistrat, and he mentioned as the best possibilities assignment to the HO, Komssen or the district attorney's office. He was instructed that our first interest was in the SSD and then in any organs of the paramilitary establishments, and, although CARBOHYDRATE felt that he would have little chance of being placed with any of these organizations, he agreed to accept any such assignment should he be given the choice. He was then instructed, should there be no possibility of assignment in either the SSD or the paramilitary establishments, to give first choice to the district attorney's office. At the same time and in line with his official future, the possibility of his requesting attendance at an SED school was discussed. CARBOHYDRATE stated that the practice is for the Landesverband first to give out a job assignment and then to inform the applicant that he should request schooling after he has been placed in his new position. CARBOHYDRATE added that he felt himself not to be cut out for SED schooling on any kind of a long range basis, and in this judgement the undersigned concurs. The question of CARBOHYDRATE's agent successor was next brought up and he recommended Identity, to whom overtures have now been made following CARBOHYDRATE's flight from the East.

3. CARBOHYDRATE was officially informed by the chief of the Secretariat of the East Berlin police on 31 October 1952 that he was to be transferred from the police; he was told that he was to appear before the Landesverband on 3 November and that his new assignment would probably be to DEPUTRA, where he would be charged with the inspection and review of contracts placed by DEPUTRA. As it turned out, however, DEPUTRA informed CARBOHYDRATE that they did not require his services at the present time; the same answer was received from the Ministry of Industry, to which CARBOHYDRATE had been referred by the Landesverband.

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